

**GCSE**

**B572**

**Religious Studies (World Religions)**

**Christianity 2**

**Specimen Paper**

Time: 1 hour

Candidates answer on the question paper.

**Additional materials: none**

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer any **TWO** questions; you must answer all parts (a-c) of the two questions that you choose.
- Do not write in the bar codes.
- Do not write outside the box bordering each page.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.

## INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **48**.
- Quality of written communication is assessed throughout the paper
- Should you need more space to write your answers there is an extra page at the end of the paper.
- If you need to use this extra page you must number your answers clearly.

This document consists of **8** printed pages.

Answer **TWO** questions (a, b and c parts should be answered for **each** question).

**1 (a)** What do Christians mean when they say the Bible is important?

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**(b)** Explain how the Bible may be used by different groups of Christians in public worship and the reasons for differences.

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- (c)** 'Reading the Bible is the most important part of a Christian's religious life.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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**Total [24]**

**[Turn over**

**2 (a)** Give an account of a Eucharist service.

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**(b)** Why do Christians celebrate the Eucharist?

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- (c)** 'Christians need to worship together to keep their faith alive.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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**3 (a)** Why do some Christians practice infant baptism?

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**(b)** Why is being confirmed important to many Christians?

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- (c)** 'Important stages in life should be marked with a religious ceremony.'

Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.

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**Paper Total: [48]**

**Extra Answer Space**

**Clearly label which question you are answering.**

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The maximum mark for this paper is **48**.

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Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(a)	<p><b>What do Christians mean when they say the Bible is important?</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bible as the Word of God is the most important document and God's way of communicating with mankind;</li> <li>• The Bible is literally inspired and therefore accurate. It is/contains the actual words of God;</li> <li>• The Bible is one of several significant traditions which guide the Church/Christians;</li> <li>• The Bible as a record of humans being touched by/spoken to by God;</li> <li>• The Bible contains the record of the life and teaching of Jesus;</li> <li>• The Bible is the source of Christian beliefs and doctrines;</li> <li>• The Bible is a crucial source of the history of the development of the faith.</li> </ul>	[6]
1(b)	<p><b>Explain how the Bible may be used by different groups of Christians in public worship and the reasons for differences.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <p>Use of the Bible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selected readings at key points in the worship – OT/Gospel/Epistle;</li> <li>• The basis for a period of meditation;</li> <li>• A text taken as the basis for the sermon;</li> <li>• The way in which the Bible is brought into the service in a procession showing its centrality to some protestant worship;</li> <li>• Its presence on the lectern or the pulpit showing its importance;</li> <li>• Corporate readings in house church worship;</li> <li>• Bible in the pews for communal use;</li> <li>• The Bible honoured and celebrated in processions/held aloft and kissed in the worship of the Orthodox.</li> </ul> <p>Differences result from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The form of worship:- sacramental or more centred on the Bible or informal as in a house church;</li> <li>• The fundamental beliefs and attitudes to the sources of authority in Christianity – protestant focus on the Bible whilst RC or Orthodox focus more for example, on the importance of the role of the priest or the eucharist.</li> </ul>	[6]

Question Number	Answer	Max Mark
1(c)	<p><b>‘Reading the Bible is the most important part of a Christian’s religious life.’</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As the Bible is the word of God, reading it is the direct way of finding out what God wants of the Christian and of hearing his voice. No other activity is as significant or important;</li> <li>• As the Bible is the guide for life for a Christian, reading it is more important than any other activity;</li> <li>• The Bible, for some Christians, is the source of doctrine and the basis of a coherent understanding of the faith. Reading it is therefore a most significant activity;</li> <li>• Christians for generations have found reading the Bible to be a source of spiritual nourishment which has sustained them in the faith sometimes when they have been unable or forbidden to worship with other Christians;</li> <li>• By reading the Bible Christians are kept on the true path of their faith. Without consulting the Bible, they may fall into false doctrines and serious misunderstandings.</li> <li>• Other religious activities such as Mass, other forms of worship, spreading the Good News (evangelism) and helping others are just as important;</li> <li>• Corporate worship and sharing beliefs with other Christians are more important because Christianity is a community activity as well as a personal one;</li> <li>• There are dangers in reading the Bible without guidance and support. Parts of the Bible can be taken out of context leading to misunderstandings, false interpretations and doctrines;</li> <li>• Eucharist is the most important significant opportunity to come close to God. This sacrament is more important than reading the Bible because for some Christians Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine;</li> <li>• Reading the Bible may recharge a Christian’s spiritual batteries, but it should not be an end in itself. Once the batteries are recharged, Christians should get on with other important work such as evangelism or helping the poor and needy.</li> </ul>	[12]
	<b>Question Total</b>	<b>[24]</b>

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2(a)	<p><b>Give an account of a Eucharist service.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An accurate account of the events at a Eucharist service:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the congregation;</li> <li>• Preparation of the elements;</li> <li>• Prayers;</li> <li>• Recitation of the words of Jesus;</li> <li>• Description of how the elements are distributed and received.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	[6]
2(b)	<p><b>Why do Christians celebrate the Eucharist?</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They wish to follow the command of Jesus at the Last Supper as given in the Gospels and Corinthians;</li> <li>• It is an act of Communion/Christian sharing;</li> <li>• Some Christians believe that Jesus is present in the bread and wine (transubstantiation/Consubstantiation);</li> <li>• Some Christians value it as a remembrance or memorial of Jesus' sacrifice for humankind.</li> </ul>	[6]
2(c)	<p><b>'Christians need to worship together to keep their faith alive.'</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jesus encouraged worshipping together with words like 'where two or three are gathered together';</li> <li>• He worshipped with his disciples;</li> <li>• Public worship is a statement of belief and an opportunity to stand up together for the faith;</li> <li>• Christians need the support of each other to sustain their faith.</li> <li>• Faith is a private matter;</li> <li>• Provided you read the Bible and communicate with God through prayer there is no need to worship with other Christians;</li> <li>• Many Christian saints have set the example of a solitary religious life.</li> </ul>	[12]
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3(a)	<p><b>Why do some Christians practice infant baptism?</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a rite of passage, welcoming infants to the faith and the family;</li> <li>• As an act of thanksgiving for the gift of a child;</li> <li>• Because Christians want God to bless and protect their child;</li> <li>• Because it is the tradition of the denomination – perhaps based on the story of Acts 16 where a whole family (including infants possibly) is baptised;</li> <li>• To remove original sin to ensure infants are part of the saved community;</li> <li>• As a mark of the intention of the Christian community that a child is brought up in the faith.</li> </ul>	[6]
3(b)	<p><b>Why is being confirmed important to many Christians?</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with explanations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public statement of faith;</li> <li>• Confirming promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism;</li> <li>• The event of confirmation makes the person a part of the Christian community past and present by the laying on of hands by the Bishop;</li> <li>• Confirmation is the occasion when the believer receives the Holy Spirit as did the disciples at Pentecost.</li> </ul>	[6]
3(c)	<p><b>‘Important stages in life should be marked with a religious ceremony.’</b></p> <p><b>Discuss this statement. You should include different, supported points of view and a personal viewpoint. You must refer to Christianity in your answer.</b></p> <p>Candidates may respond with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believers will want to share the crucial events with others as they are part of the pilgrimage of life – rites of passage are celebrated by most communities;</li> <li>• Important events raise ultimate questions which are bound to connect with religious belief;</li> <li>• If life is seen as a gift, then the giver needs to be thanked – God, which involves worship and thanksgiving in religious ceremony.</li> <li>• People get through life perfectly well without religion and can celebrate events without bringing God into it;</li> <li>• Some people do not feel the need to mark stages in life at all therefore religion is irrelevant.</li> </ul>	[12]
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**Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)**

<b>Question</b>	<b>AO1</b>	<b>AO2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>1(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>2(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>2(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>3(a)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>3(b)</b>	6		<b>6</b>
<b>3(c)</b>		12	<b>12</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>48</b>